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MEMORANDUM FOR: Secretary, Executive Committee

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SUBJECT: Recommendations of the Information Handling  
Task Force

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1. As a starting point, the "five elements which embody the essence of a strategic plan" in Don Wortman's memo seem reasonable. If these points represent the distillation of the last year's work, however, I am disappointed. Point 5, for example, dealing with the need for training is hardly a first-order consideration, though clearly it is important.

2. More important is the fourth point dealing with investment priorities. One important thing which ought to come out of an information handling plan is some sense of the relative priority of various possible investments. Point 4 of the plan simply asserts that priority will be given to modernization of our communications. It is hard to argue that this is not important. But is it the most important consideration? Even as the essence of a strategic plan, I find these five points disappointing.

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